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| *Hymn | Come, ye thankful people | No. 94 |
| *Invocation | | Doug Bartel |
| Hymn | Now thank we all our God | No. 86 |
| Children's Story | | Tracy Hefley |
| | (children dismissed to Children's Time) | |
| Sharing and Prayer | | Pastor Susan |
| | Sharing from Katherine and Derek Hamm | |
| | Receiving Katherine and Derek as members at First Mennonite | |
| Offering/Blessing | Shirley Flaming/Pastor Susan | |

HEARING GOD'S CALL

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| Scripture | Doug Bartel |
| | Isaiah 55:1-3a, 6-13 (back of bulletin) |
| Meditation | Pastor Susan |
| Reading for Turning Back The Story* | Pastor Susan |
| | From Bethlehem to Nazareth, from Jordan to Jericho, from Bethany to Jerusalem, from then to now. |

ALL: This is our story, this is our song.

You heal the sick,
You mend the broken-hearted,
You cleanse the temple.

ALL: This is our story, this is our song.

You carry the cross, you lead the way,
You are the way!

ALL: Jesus, you are our story. You are our song!

Today we claim your story.

ALL: Today, we say,

Yes! We will join in the story once more!

Come among us, Lord Jesus!

GOING OUT

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| *Hymn | Oh, have you not heard | No. 606 |
| *Benediction Reading | | Congregation |

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
So shall God's word be that goes out from God's mouth.
It shall not return empty,
but will accomplish God's purposes.

**By the grace and goodness of God, in God's time,
we shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before us shall burst into
song,**

**and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Thanks be to God! Amen!**

WELCOME TO ALL who are guests this morning.

We hope you feel warmly received and experience a time of worship. Please feel free to contact Pastor Susan if you would like to visit.

THE CHURCH YEAR ends today, so toward the end of the worship service, we will turn back the pages of the Bible from the end of Revelation to the beginning of the Gospels. Each of you are invited forward at that time.

KATHERINE AND DEREK Hamm will be joining our congregation today. Let's lift them and each of us as we continue to seek God's way in our life together.

TODAY IS OUR HANGING OF THE GREENS Soup Lunch Fundraiser. Our FMC youth use the proceeds to purchase Christmas gifts for a local family in need. Join us at lunch!

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES will be set out at the soup lunch fundraiser today. Please bring 8 small items to set, one in each box, for the college students we would like to support as they finish up their semesters. Cards will be available to sign as well. Thank you! Nurture Committee.

THIS AFTERNOON is the annual Thanksgiving Concert featuring music from Tabor College at 4 p.m., Hillsboro Mennonite Brethren Church. The offering taken is the backbone of the income for the Hillsboro Area Ministerial Association Assistance Fund. Come hear inspiring seasonal music and support the HAMA assistance fund.

OUR CHURCH OFFICE will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday and Friday. Please have bulletin announcements in by Tuesday at 9 a.m. Thank you!

NOVEMBER 29 is the first Sunday of Advent. Communion will be served as a way of offering our life of discipleship to the coming Christ.

OFFERINGS DURING ADVENT will include three avenues: our regular giving for our congregation, giving to local need (oranges for Main Street Ministries), and giving around the world (support of the Mennonite Central Committee Comforter Project).

THE FMC ADVENT CHOIR will continue rehearsing on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. Please join our joyful ranks!

ANNOUNCEMENTS DURING ADVENT. We will begin our worship services with candle lighting and not have a designated time for announcements. Please turn in written announcements for the bulletin by 9 a.m. on Thursdays. We will continue to include our time of sharing and prayer during our worship each Sunday and look forward to hearing from each other how God is among us.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING, the geese are getting fat; Please toss some news and views in the *First Threshings* hat! All contributions gratefully accepted. Deadline is Friday, November 27. Thanks! Pat

REHEARSALS FOR CHRISTMAS Eve Worship Service will be Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. (Nov. 29 and Dec. 6, 13, 20) and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. (Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23) Check with Judy Harder for more details.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR THIS FALL:

Preschool – 1st grade: Asia Frye and Julie Linnens are taking turns.
2nd – 6th grade: Jan Amstutz and Judy Harder are taking turns.

7th grade – High School: Hank Unruh
Chapel Sunday School Class is studying Present Tense by G. Houser
Alive! Sunday School Class is watching a video series titled, "The Jesus I Never Knew" by Philip Yancey
The Open Door Sunday School Class uses the Adult Quarterly

ANNUAL REPORTS: We are starting to gather all the data for the 2015 annual report. If you lead a committee or have a report to share with us, please do so as soon as possible. Annual reports are due December 15.

PHOTO REQUEST. As we enter a new church year, we are asking each of you to bring a printed photo of you or your family, no bigger than a 4x6, to be posted on the bulletin board across from the pastor's office. We will label them. Baker Brothers Printing has a photo printing machine in their office that is available for your use. This machine will print a 4x6 photo for \$0.29 or Bakers will print your electronic photos for a small fee. Please do not send us an electronic photo!

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

Bertha C. Linnens, Kelly's grandmother passed away on Wednesday. Services were yesterday at the Florence Christian Church. Prayers for the whole Linnens family at this time of loss.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Monday: Danielle Bartel

Thursday: Donna Funk

Saturday: Judy Harder

Driver: Elfrieda Funk

Next Week: Deryll Amstutz

CALENDAR

- Nov. 1-22 Food Bank Drive (place imperishable food in bin in narthex)
- Nov. 22 Hanging of the Greens noon soup lunch
4 p.m. Thanksgiving concert at Hillsboro
Mennonite Brethren Church
- Nov. 26 Happy Thanksgiving! Office closed
- Nov. 27 Office closed for Thanksgiving break
- Nov. 29 9:30 a.m. Rehearsal for Christmas Eve Worship
Service

TREASURER'S REPORT 11/15/2015

FMC Ministries\$1,509.00
Year-to-date Ministries Income\$134,803.04
Year-to-date Ministries Expenses\$131,861.95
Ministries Fund Balance\$2,941.09

Last week attendance: 84

CHURCH OFFICE

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The church building is open from 9 am to noon Mon. – Fri. except for holidays. For assistance outside of those times, please contact Tim Unruh at 620-947-1585. Please schedule all meetings & events at FMC through the church office.

From Kansas City Municipal Auditorium...

Commerce has made all winds her messengers,
all climes her tributaries,
all people her servants.
Yet from the land she draws her sustenance and her strength.

Isaiah 55:1 Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

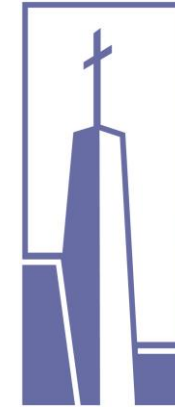
⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:35 a.m.

November 22, 2015

GATHERING

Gathering Music Shirley Flaming
Welcome & Announcements Doug & Pastor Susan

COMING BEFORE GOD

Prelude to Worship Shirley Flaming
We carry in a flame, the Bible, and a prayer cloth,
trusting the Lord to guide us, the Word to teach us and
prayer to knit our lives together with God in our worship.

Call to Worship (from Isaiah 55) Doug Bartel

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